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## GREATEST DAY IN THE CITY'S HISTORY

Exposition of World's Wonders Will Be Thrown Open to Public at St. Louis Today.

Ceremonies Arranged Will Be of More Serious Nature Than Resplendent.

## KEEN INTEREST BEING SHOWN

Workmen Busy Putting Last Touches to What Is Calculated to Go Into History as Greatest of All Fairs.

St. Louis, April 29.—St. Louis is prepared for the greatest day in her history. Tomorrow at noon her great exposition will be thrown open to the world. All of today and all of tonight people have worked with desperate energy to accomplish a thousand and one things that always remain to be done at the last minute. At the exposition grounds men worked all day putting final touches on grounds, buildings, sidewalks, cleaning buildings, removing scaffolds and arranging exhibits. This work will continue without cessation until dawn, and it is confidently expected that when the fair opens at noon tomorrow everything possible will have been done to advance the work to the farthest limit. The exercises tomorrow will be more serious than resplendent. There will be comparatively little of the glittering pageant that marked the dedication exercises a year ago, but the ceremonies preceding the formal opening will be none the less interesting.

**Martial Law For May Day.**  
Berlin, April 29.—A Polish paper of Posen today prints a dispatch from Warsaw saying that authorities there are about to declare martial law at Warsaw, Lodze and other large cities because the socialists are preparing for bloody May day demonstrations. Many socialists have already been arrested.

**Strike Order Received.**  
Topeka, April 29.—An expected strike order was received today by the local machinists' union from the head-

quarters of the international machinists' union. A special meeting has been called for tonight when the machinists in the Santa Fe general shops will vote whether to strike or not. It is anticipated that they will go on strike tomorrow.

## REGARD NOTE AS ERROR.

London Press Comments on Russia's Refusal to Accept Mediation.

London, April 29.—London papers commenting on Russia's repudiation of mediation, display the customary Russophobic bias and regard Russia's official note as simply intended for home consumption, as none of the powers would be likely to intervene unless previously assured that mediation would be welcome. They also hint that Russia may have cause to regret that she closed the door prematurely on the possibility of friendly intervention and regard the note as dispelling all hope of an early termination of hostilities.

## REBELS WIN VICTORY.

Government Troops Repulsed in Engagement in Domingo.

New York, April 29.—A German steamship which has arrived from Montecristi, Santo Domingo, reports that 300 government troops were engaged in the recent attack on the Jimenez forces at Guayacan, says a Herald dispatch from St. Thomas, D. W. I.

After a fierce battle the government troops were defeated. Their losses were 41 killed and 16 wounded. Generals Cabrera, Arroyo and Luna were killed. Twelve of the Jimenez forces were killed.

## WARSHIPS COMING NORTH.

Monitor and Torpedoboot Will Enter Columbia, En Route North.

Washington, April 29.—The monitor Wyoming and the torpedo boat destroyer Prebel and Paul Jones, en route north from Acapulco, will receive orders at Guaymas to proceed north to San Diego, Cal., thence to Portland, and on to the Puget sound, so as to reach the sound about July 15 to join Rear Admiral Glass' squadron, which will be returning from a cruise to the Aleutian islands. The Pacific squadron then will cruise along the Pacific coast.

## Morgan's Big Fee.

Washington, April 29.—The treasury department today forwarded to the secretary of state for transmission to J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, financial agents of the republic of Panama, a warrant for \$1,000,000 on account of the Panama canal purchase.

## RUSSIA WAS NOT PREPARED FOR WAR BECAUSE GOVERNMENT WORKED ONLY FOR PEACE

According to Count Cassini, the Idea That Russia Intended to Possess Manchuria and Korea Is a Faulty One

Wrong Impression Prevails in United States That Government Lacks Sincerity in Conduct of Negotiations With Other Nations—Attack on Fleet at Port Arthur Came Unexpected and in the Nature of a Shock.

New York, April 29.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, contributes to the forthcoming number of the North American Review an article in which, under the caption of "Russia and the Far East," he makes the statement of his government's position. After briefly outlining the conditions which preceded the outbreak of hostilities the ambassador says:

"Russia has never ceased to wonder why the idea that she was willing and anxious to make war with Japan has become so generally prevalent in the United States. Prejudiced minds, or those having nothing beyond superficial knowledge of the government's actions preceding the unexpected attack upon our fleet at Port Arthur, may dispute the statement that Russia hoped for peace, but I have no hesitation in making it. If proof of association be demanded, it lies in the simple but uncontradicted answer, that Russia was not prepared. For a personal representative of the Russian emperor to make an admission, seemingly so humiliating to national pride, may appear strange and remarkable to the people of the United States, but it is made with a full appreciation of its importance and significance. I repeat that Russia was not prepared for war because she had no reason to expect war. In her faith that the negotiations with Japan were being conducted by both parties with the object of reaching an amicable and honorable adjustment of their differences, she was not conscious that the outcome was to be other than peaceful."

Count Cassini denies that Russia was actuated by designs to possess Manchuria or Korea by force of arms, and says:

"And had Russia desired war, or even had she expected it, no consideration would have induced her to evacuate Chinese territory and thus lose the opportunity of ending the war quickly."

Nagasaki, April 29, 1 p. m.—The case of the captured Russian steamers taken

over by the naval court of appeals at Sasebo has been dismissed. M. Masujima, a leading member of the Japanese bar, who represented the owners, urged that the antiquated laws bearing upon the case were unsuited to modern laws bearing conditions of life, and now was an opportunity for Japan to establish a precedent for the benefit of civilization. The captured Russian officers now held in detention at Sasebo will not be released.

## JAPAN'S INTENT DISCLOSED.

Important Official Correspondence Published by Washington Legation.

Washington, April 29.—The Japanese legation has published the correspondence that took place between Baron Komura, Japanese minister of foreign affairs, and Mr. Kurino, Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, preceding the beginning of the Russo-Japanese war. The purpose of publication is to disclose officially Japan's attitude, and especially to point out efforts made to force Russia to an early and conclusive answer to the Japanese proposals relative to the evacuation of Manchuria and the neutralization of Korea. The correspondence already has been well described in news dispatches from Tokio and St. Petersburg and Washington, and the interesting features remaining are matters of detail.

## Survivors Picked Up.

London, April 30.—A correspondent of the Daily Mail at Kobe says that the captain of a Japanese schooner which arrived at Gensan yesterday announced he had rescued a boatload of 45 soldiers and nine members of the crew of the Japanese transport Kinshiu Maru, which was torpedoed and sunk by the Russians Monday midnight.

## Admiral Denies Report.

Cronstadt, April 29.—Admiral Biryloff, in command here denies the report of the alleged attempt on the part of a stranger to blow up the battleship Alexandria.

## HEARST CASE REOPENED.

Testimony of Both Sides Will Be Submitted at Hearing on May 24.

Washington, April 29.—In anthracite coal rate inquiry based on the complaint of William R. Hearst of New York city against the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and other carriers of coal from Pennsylvania mines to New York and other points, the interstate commerce commission today entered an order reopening the proceedings for further investigation and the submission of additional testimony on behalf of both sides. The committee has set the case for a hearing at New York on May 24.

## Decide Not to Strike.

Topeka, Kan., April 29.—The machinists of the Santa Fe road held a large mass meeting tonight and decided that they would not strike. J. D. Burkalaw, third vice president of the International Association of Machinists, was present and strongly advised this course.

## Neither Man Injured.

Baltimore, April 29.—Eddie Hanlon of San Francisco boxed 10 rounds to draw with Kid Sullivan of Washington at 128 pounds tonight. At the end of the bout neither man appeared injured.

## Pearson Succeeds Darling.

St. Paul, April 29.—E. H. Pearson has been appointed chief engineer of the Northern Pacific railroad to suc-

ceed W. L. Darling, who resigned several months ago. Mr. Pearson has been acting chief engineer.

## OFFICE SEEKERS SCARCE.

Postoffice in Connecticut Will Have to Be Abolished.

Derby, Conn., April 29.—Because nobody wants to be postmaster, the postoffice at Killingworth, Conn., may have to be abolished. Congressman Sperry says he can get no one to accept the office. When the former postmaster died, a canvass of the city resulted in the finding of one citizen willing to accept. Before his appointment could be arranged, he learned that the salary had dwindled to \$175 a year with prospects of less with the establishment of rural free delivery, so he also withdrew.

## Formal Dissolution Notice.

New York, April 29.—It is understood that formal announcement of the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation second bond syndicate will be made in a few days, probably Monday.

## Russia Gets Good.

Berlin, April 29.—The Tageblatt today announced from an excellent Russian source that the Russian government is about to modify the anti-Jewish legislation.

## Hungarians Displace Negroes.

Evansville, Ind., April 29.—About 500 negroes who are employed on steam-

boats touching at this point will be discharged May 1 and Hungarian labor will be substituted. The steamboat owners say that their boats are often delayed by the refusal of negroes to work. The negroes say that they will resist the change.

## BOARD MAKES REPORT.

Investigation of Cause of Explosion of Iowa's Guns Is Concluded.

Washington, April 29.—The naval board appointed to investigate the circumstances attending the bursting of two 8-inch guns of the Iowa on February 1, 1904, has reported to the secretary that the board finds that in firing off the guns all precautions were taken. The guns were designed for use with brown powder but smokeless powder was used instead. It is recommended by the board that more extensive experiments be made to determine the advantage and disadvantages of the present brown powder in comparison with other shapes.

## WALCOTT LOSES ON FOUL.

Decision Awarding Fight to "Dixie Kid" Brings Forth Hisses.

San Francisco, April 29.—"Dixie Kid," a local colored fighter, won the welterweight championship from Joe Walcott on an alleged foul in the 20th round of their fight at Soloma. They fought at 142 pounds. The blow delivered by Walcott was over the kidneys. Both men fought hard and fast, but Walcott was seldom in danger and clearly outpointed the "Dixie Kid," who was in distress and holding on to avoid punishment. Referee Dick Sullivan's decision was received with hisses and for some time violence was threatened by the angry crowd.

## BASEBALL SCORES.

### Pacific Coast.

At Tacoma—Oakland 0, Tacoma 4.  
At San Francisco—Los Angeles 8, San Francisco 4.

At Seattle—Portland 4, Seattle 8.

### Pacific National.

At Salt Lake—Boise 6, Salt Lake 0.  
At Spokane—Butte 4, Spokane 11.

### National.

At New York—Boston 1, New York 2.  
At St. Louis—St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 4.

### Oregon League.

At Salem—Roseburg 1, Salem 4.  
At Detroit—Chicago 6, Detroit 1.  
At Washington—Boston 4, Washington 3.

## PEOPLE WATCH THEIR TOWN BURN UP

Because of Inadequate Water Supply Inhabitants of Mining Town Cannot Fight Flames.

Fire Gradually Eats Itself Down Until Volunteer Brigade Gets it Under Control.

## BUSINESS DISTRICT ALL GONE

Fernie, B. C., Will Now Be Built on More Substantial Plan and in Keeping With Its Important Location.

Vancouver, B. C., April 29.—Fernie, B. C., the principal coal mining town in the Crows Nest pass district, was practically wiped out, as far as its business interests are concerned, by fire at an early hour this morning. The entire business district of the town, fronting on the Canadian Pacific railway tracks, was destroyed.

The water supply was inadequate and soon gave out. There was nothing for the people to do but look on while the fire ate itself out, although efforts were made by a volunteer fire brigade which resulted in finally extinguishing the flames when they had died down sufficiently to be handled by the fire fighting apparatus at hand. The loss is estimated at \$900,000. Nearly all the burned buildings will be rebuilt on a more substantial basis and more commensurate with the commercial and geographical importance of the town.

## Some Sort of a Critter.

A prominent clergyman of the Episcopal church, while traveling down in the backwoods of Maine, was obliged to spend the night at a farmhouse. In conversation with the farmer's wife, he asked: "Are there many Episcopallians about here?" She replied: "Wal, really, I dunno; the hired man killed some sort of a critter the other day out back of the barn, but I think he 'lowed 'twas a woodchuck."—Chicago News.

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